

# All Churches Report Many Conversions and Additions to Congregation

## TELLS WHY LOVE OF GOD IS BEST

Rev. D. M. Conn Says Worldly Rewards Cannot be Compared to Salvation.

"The eternal life God has devised for us is the correct answer to the question 'What is the greatest thing for us in existence?'" said the Rev. D. M. Conn at the Westminster Presbyterian church last evening. "In answering this question many of you might give worldly answers such as money, and various other perishable things. But think of the foolishness and the ignorance in such an answer. These things will end with death; but eternal life, as the name indicates, will last forever. Now you may ask me why I make this choice of a spiritual thing over a worldly thing. In the first place, I have made this choice because God is the author of it; and because it was made by Him for us. This is the end which was intended for us as a reward for good behavior in this life and it must be greater by far than anything we can even imagine in this world. The punishment for the sinner is the taking away of this after-life and the substituting of pain in its place. The best of this after-life is that it will always last and will never be taken from us as the things in this world will be.

"In the second place I choose it because God underwent a sacrifice that this end might be open to us. There are many people who believe that there was a sacrifice made; but they neglect to say that it was God Himself who made the sacrifice. The expression is so common that it was the Son of God who made the sacrifice that we sometimes lose sight of the fact that the Son was God the same as the Father. From this it is easily seen that it was no other than God who made the sacrifice, and that the reason He made it was to save us in mercy that we might attain the end which was at first intended for us.

"Thirdly we must consider the suffering of God, that is the suffering God went through in order to prepare us for the eternal life. It is a law of the universe that we must suffer to attain things and God underwent suffering Himself in the person of Christ the Son to show us the gravity of sin and the necessity of suffering in order to purify ourselves for the life to come.

"Lastly we must consider the eternity of the life and compare the lasting qualities of the life to come with the things of this world. It is hardly necessary to mention the fact that the riches and the pleasures of this world are for a short time only. We see that the people who were rich yesterday are poor today and the people who were satisfied yesterday are unsatisfied with the same things today. Everyone is seeking pleasure but no one has found it yet in the things of this world. This argument alone should make one realize that the answer I have given is the only correct one; but taking all of these arguments together I think no one can refute them."

Rev. Hostetter, pastor of the church said that the revival would end Sunday evening; and in addition to the two regular services Sunday there will be a service at 2 o'clock at which the Rev. Conn will speak.

## MAN AND HIS SINS CRUCIFIED CHRIST

"The revival services have been very successful at this church," said Rev. Daniel D. Speicher at Grace Evangelical church last night. The services on Sunday evening will determine whether or not the services will continue for another week. Last night the minister gave a short sermon on the crucifixion of Christ, taking his text from St. Mark 15, "And They Crucified Him." The speaker said in part:

"Confessors and martyrs went gladly and joyfully, yea even singing to the stake, or the place of execution. They could well do this for their Redeemer and Lord had borne their sins and transgressions, by His stripes they were healed. They were free because the Savior God had made them free. Therefore they feared nothing when they were led to the place of execution.

"When Christ went to the cross He bore the sins of all the world. When He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane the burden became so heavy that an angel was sent from heaven to strengthen Him. Yet He went willingly and obediently saying, 'not my will but thine will be done.' And coming back to His disciples He found them sleeping, and each time that He turned and chided them for they were asleep, but the third time He spoke to them and said that the one who was about to betray Him was now at hand and that it was now time to go.

"The question is often asked: Who Crucified Christ? The Jews would say the Romans. We would say the Jews, but when we get at the real cause we find it was man, it was the sinner. So when we look at the soldiers the fact becomes plainer. We drove the nails by our sins, we placed the crown of thorns upon His brow by our transgressions. The price of our redemption is paid, and if man will now accept the price paid for his salvation, he will be free."

## Church Fails to Keep Step With World Progress

Deplored the spiritual decline of the nation and quoting statistics to prove his contention, Evangelist Joseph C. Lodge last night at the Grace M. E. church advocated that the churches concentrate on a plan whereby repentance, restitution and consecration may become the dominating factors and lead the way-journeys back into the chosen fold, Dr. Lodge said, in part.

"It is a live question today as to whether or not the world is growing better or worse. Physically the world is much better, for we now have better schools, knowledge is more general, transportation facilities much improved, wages higher, and hours of labor fewer. The average citizen has a better home, wears better clothes, and has better sanitary conditions. Have luxuries and improvements, new scientific inventions, cheap entertainments, public utilities and the like caused our moral plane to rise or decline?

"It is hardly fair, however, to judge the world on the basis of material things. Spiritually the world is growing worse. In round numbers the latest statistics on the population of the United States give 109,000,000 people. Now, according to H. K. Carroll, LL.D., including all the various religious bodies, such as the Roman Catholic, Protestant, Greek Catholic and Jewish, there are 39,380,745 church members. In that case we see that there are 69,619,255 men, women and children outside of the combined churches."

## CONVERTS TO BE RECEIVED SUNDAY

Twenty-One Are Added to Stull M. E. as Result of Revival Services.

Twenty-one converts, five of them by letter, have been received into the Stull Memorial M. E. church so far during the revival, declared the pastor, Rev. Arthur V. Babbs, last night. These converts will be formally received into the church at the Sunday morning service, when Rev. Babbs will deliver his sermon on "Christ the Crucified." A special converts' meeting will be held Sunday afternoon for consultation and instruction. Rev. Babbs again took occasion to compliment and thank The News-Times on its work in boosting the revival.

Rev. Babbs spoke on the self-sacrifice and love of God, his subject title being, "We Love Him Because He First Loved Us." In his discourse he dwelt on the essential difference between the love of God and human love. "The human understanding is unable to comprehend and grasp the real love of God," he asserted, "neither can the tongue utter an adequate appreciation of its greatness, its infiniteness. It can't be reduced to limits. In a limited way we are conscious of the justice of what love is, of what wisdom is, God is love. The attribute we call love includes everything else. If God were not love He would not be justice; if He were not love He would not be wisdom. This is why every sinner is inclined to listen to the word of God because he feels this infinite wisdom, justice and love of God."

"Love is measured by the standard of sacrifice; the love of your mother, your friend, is so measured. What greater sacrifice than that of God. He gave His only begotten Son. 'God's love is not an alienable love, but it is a constraining love. It binds and holds men to God. We can't get away from it. One minister asked a dying man, one who was drawing his last breath, 'of what religious persuasion are you?' The man answered that he was persuaded in the love of the Lord. What more was necessary."

## KNOW FACT JESUS IS TO COME AGAIN

People Should Always Be Ready to Meet Their God Says Minister.

Rev. Edwin Castle of the Linden Avenue Christian church used as his text last night "And what I say unto you I say unto all—wait."

He spoke on the subject of preparing to meet Jesus. "It is a known fact that the Son of Man will come again," said the Rev. Castle. "He tells us this in His testament. It is this word of God that should stir you up. You all know that the time will come when you will have to face Him, and yet you now keep Him out of your hearts. We should all know where we stand today. He will pass us by if we sleep, but if we are awake we will be saved by coming to Jesus. If you don't know anything about God you are dead to Him. We all get the chance to come to Him at some time, and we should do this now without wasting more time."

There will be a meeting at the church Saturday night at the usual time, and Sunday will mark the close of the revival.

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## LOST CHANCE IS GREAT TRAGEDY

Rev. A. H. Kenna Speaks on Lost Opportunities at Epworth Memorial.

"Lost Opportunities" was the subject of Rev. A. H. Kenna's sermon last night at Epworth Memorial M. E. church. "There is no greater tragedy in the Bible, no greater tragedy in human life than a man who is waking up to the fact that opportunity is gone, and opportunity is gone without having been utilized."

"We speak of this season of revival as one especially devoted to soul saving. But God has set apart no time for winning men to His standard; He is always trying to win a lost world back to Him. We have set apart this short period that we may bring into the lives of those outside the church some of the Christian influence. We wish to aid men in their turning from destruction to upbuilding, from sin to goodness, from despair to hope. I have done the best that I could in aiding men to live the better life. If I have failed in my purpose, God help me!"

"Is there any man in the audience who in the springtime of life did not hear in the songs of the birds and the murmurings of the trees the voice of the Almighty God calling to him? Is there any man here who did not as a child kneel at his mother's knee and pray to God that he might lead a life pleasing to Him? How many of us have not yet fulfilled the promises of our youth, and in the prime of our life still ignore the pleas from the ministries to forsake the things of evil and live according to the words of the Christ?"

"The tragedy may yet come to you. How terrible it will be for you if you stand in the presence of the approaching winter of life, and you know that you are unprovided for the future, that you permitted the opportunity to win an eternal happiness to pass unnoticed. Then, if ever, you will regret your delay at the table of revivals, and your absorption in things of this transitory, ephemeral world."

## WILD OATS ARE NOT NECESSARY

No Fallacy More Wrecked Than the One That Youth Must Have Its Fling.

"There is no fallacy more wicked than that one that is maintained by many persons that young people must be permitted to sow their wild oats and that they can have their fling and escape an aftermath," declared Rev. J. Orton in his sermon this evening to the congregation of Hope Presbyterian church on the topic, "The Corduroy Road."

The speaker first pointed out the conceit and self-centered ambitions of the sinner who thinks that he has no relations with society and is absolutely without obligations. "I am the lord of all," they say, "I am the master and I will do as I choose." This is the root of all evil and wicked lives," maintained the speaker, and then he pointed out the classical example of the self regarding man, the prodigal son, who in his treatment of his father resembled greatly the sinner against God.

"The Lord lets us go and permits us to exert our own wills. God never wishes our services unless they are offered freely and willingly," Rev. Orton showed how this attitude was also pictured in the story of the prodigal son, whose father let him choose for himself the life that he would lead. Like the father though he first shows the correct life of virtue.

"Sin is like a soap bubble. It pictures all the beauties of the earth, it is clothed like an angel and just as the sinner expects full realization of his desires. He then proceeded to copiously illustrate his point, the beauties that sin offers and the bitter realizations that invariably follow, with many very pointed illustrations.

"One of the saddest things about sin is that the innocent always suffer with the guilty," declared the preacher, and he dwelt on the horrible consequences that are visited upon fathers, mothers, wives, and husbands of sinners. The innocent are not the only ones that suffer, however, he maintained. "Doctors are saying and proving that man cannot play with fire and not be burned. To every one there is going to come a bitter awakening. "Bitter results bring repentance; but alas not always. Sometimes bitter experience will drive the soul down and down deeper into the mire of sin and despair." That this is true is without a doubt the preacher held, but he vigorously denied that it was necessary. He spoke of the kindness of the Father and His all-forgiving heart. "We are not entitled to anything from the Father's house but yet He has assured us that all that is in it may be our for the asking."

## Our Failure is All Dependent on Own Efforts

J. Q. Ames, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., delivered the sermon at the Lowell Heights M. E. church last night in place of the pastor, Rev. Guy H. Black, and spoke on "The Parable of the True Foundation."

Two converts were made at the services at that place last night, making a total of 35 since the revival began. The services were in charge of the Men's Brotherhood and was unusually well attended. According to the pastor, the revival has been an extraordinary success at the Lowell Heights M. E. It will come to a close with the big rally meeting Sunday night.

"We are the architects of our own destiny," declared Mr. Ames in his forceful talk last night. "First, like a true architect, we fix in our minds the object which we have in view in building, and then building according to plans. In building we should bear in mind that we will always live in the structure which we erect. We cannot fool ourselves in this regard and we cannot fool anyone else."

"We must not use shabby, cheap material and we must take every precaution that the foundation is the most solid that is obtainable. For this reason, if we wish that our structure be an enduring one we must build on the rock of Christ's faith, which is the most enduring thing in the world. Then, too, we must work without plans or patterns, and we must never cease to work."

## SHOULD CALL IN SPIRITUAL DOCTOR

"Impossible for Man to Deceive God" Says Rev. G. F. Byrer.

"Be ye filled with the Spirit," Ephesians 5:18. This was the text upon which Rev. G. F. Byrer based the message delivered to the congregation of the United Brethren church last night.

"When we have an opportunity to receive the Spirit there is no excuse for us if we neglect to take advantage of it," said the speaker. "We wonder, then, why it is that every one is not filled with the Spirit. There are many answers to this question, the principal one of which is because the life we are living is not in accordance with the Spirit of God. We have a tendency to play with Him as we do with each other. You may easily deceive your friends for a time but it is impossible to deceive God. He knows whether or not we are serious with Him."

Another reason pointed out was that we do not fully confess and forsake our sins. The preacher spoke of what is known as the besetting sin and said that it was that sin of which we were so fond that we would not give it up. He said that sometimes we think that we can keep it controlled but that it generally controls us.

"If we neglect our duties," continued Rev. Byrer, "that is, those duties of which we are aware, we will lose the Spirit. We are human and many things come up suddenly and make us act as we would not act otherwise. When we do not feel good physically we seek a doctor. Why should we not seek God then when we are spiritually ill. Let the Great Physician make a diagnosis of the case."

After the services, Rev. Byrer said that he had not definitely decided whether or not to continue the revival for another week. If Sunday's services prove enthusiastic enough to justify a continuance the meetings will be held next week. Sunday morning Rev. Byrer will speak on "The Servant of the Lord."

The musical program during the revival was in charge of Mrs. Olive Cashmier and Mrs. S. A. Wells was accompanist.

## REVIVAL ENDS SUNDAY

"God is Always With Us," Says Rev. J. O. Mosier.

"The Abiding Presence of the Holy Spirit" was the subject of the sermon given by Rev. J. O. Mosier at the Mizpah Evangelical church last night at the special service for the Sunday school, under the direction of E. C. Lehman, the superintendent. The services were largely attended and special music was a feature of the evening. The final appeal to the people will be made when the revival closes Sunday night at the 7:30 services.

In the sermon last evening Rev. Mosier called attention to the fact that the Holy Spirit is with us every moment of our lives. "In all that we do, in all the events of our lives, God is always with us."

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## SIN WAS CAUSE OF CHRIST'S DEATH

Jews Were Not Only Ones Who Helped Crucify Saviour.

The idea that Christ died to save the entire world and not the people of the United States alone was brought out in the services that were conducted by the Women's Foreign Missionary society at the First Baptist church last night. Short talks along the lines of missionary work were given by members of the society before Rev. C. A. Decker's sermon.

"Christ was a light bearer to the world," said Rev. Decker. "God's love was partly known before Jesus came, but the real light of love did not appear until after His coming. Jesus cast a ray of light over the entire world that brought men into the kingdom of God."

"Some countries have not yet seen the light, but it is being brought to them by missionaries. Africa, China and India have not heard of the country of God, but the people of this country have. With our knowledge of what God has done and will do for the world, there is no reason why we should not be saved, if we want to. We are Christians because the light of Christ has been streaming down in our pathway."

"Do men really love the darkness better than the light? Do we really like evil better than that which is good. It seems like this would be impossible, but men would rather be in darkness than in the light. History has proved that people care more for earthly than heavenly things. There have been times

## "Dressed-up-dolls" are Scored by Rev. W. S. Bell in Sermon

"If there is anything that will drag a young woman away from Christ, it is the ungodly round dance," declared Evangelist W. S. Bell in his sermon at the First Brethren church last night. "A young girl at the age of sixteen is not competent of picking either her amusements or her company. Parents who encourage them to do either are, in a sense, deserting of their grey hairs." The title of Rev. Bell's sermon was: "Sweet Sixteen," and was founded upon the story of Nahamum and his Jewish maid-servant in Second Kings, chapter 5.

"It is up to you women to keep in mind the mission for which you were born. It is your calling to be mothers, and a mother must be true and pure and clean above all. With motherhood, the human race stands or falls. Whatever interferes with your appointed mission is absolutely wrong. The greatest safeguard to your virtue is the serving of the Lord Jesus Christ. The sooner you give yourself to him, the better it will be for you. Try to be a true woman and wife; not a dressed-up doll. To be a true woman means to realize the duties of wifehood. If you would only live up to your duties some of us men would not have the habits which we have."

"Nahamum was a great leader,

He was to Syria what Washington and Lincoln are to this country. At the height of his glory he was stricken with leprosy. When Nahamum was about ready to leave his people and all wealth which he had accumulated, his Jewish maid-servant came to him and advised him to go to Palestine to be healed by the Prophet of her people, Elijah. The prophet heard of his intended visit and sent a messenger to him to advise him to dip seven times in the waters of the Jordan. Nahamum was highly indignant. He had, as a lot of modern people have, his own idea of how he ought to be saved. He leaped into his chariot and started back on his way to Syria. On the way, his servant induced him to return and take the prophet's advice. He did so, and on the seventh evening, he was healed."

Rev. Bell announced that there will be a special meeting for the children on this afternoon at 2:30 which he will address. The Sunday morning sermon will be a doctrinal one: "The Baptism of the New Testament." This evening the sermon will be "The Signs of the Times." On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock he will deliver a sermon for men only, "A Man or a Monkey?" Which? On Sunday evening he will preach on "The Unpardonable Sin."

when the spirit of God has pleaded with us and still we turn our faces away from it.

"The point is not that we occasionally go wrong. It is that we love evil. Loving sin, we fall into it and then make no effort to get out. The first time a sin is committed every part of the body shudders in rebellion. But as we continue to indulge in it, it becomes less and less repulsive and finally takes possession of the soul."

"If there never had been any sin, Christ would never have been crucified. There would have been no necessity for it. I do not think that it was the Jews alone who crucified Christ. It was the sinners, who, for aces, have been doing things that are displeasing in the sight of God."

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## DELAY IS OFTEN COSTLY TO MAN

Rev. William Lampin Says Doors of Heaven Will be Closed on Many.

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of Christ," Quoting Matthew, 24, and using as his subject, "The Door Was Shut," Rev. William Lampin, speaking before the largest congregation that has graced the First Church of the Brethren since the beginning of the revival, made an earnest entreaty to "enter Christianity before the door was closed." Emphasizing the importance of the fact that the time of receiving salvation is limited, Rev. Lampin, referring to the text, said: "Eat and drink, marry and give in marriage until the day come to enter the ark, and the flood came and swept all away."


That as the doors of the ark were closed, and the flood gates were opened so shall the time come when the door to the kingdom of heaven will be closed and all who have not gained entrance will perish, was the opinion of the speaker.

"Enter while the door is open," said Rev. Lampin, "for the time of salvation is limited."

Fifteen baptisms and three conversions was the result of last evening's services.

Rev. Lampin stated last evening that the question of extending the revival services for another week was being considered, but as yet no decision had been reached.

The regular morning and evening services will be held Sunday.



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